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The Bay Press.

HONGKONG, FEBRUARY 16TH 1909.

The general public is hearing or reading a great deal these days about the so-called Opium War with China in 1840. Every mail brings us either from the Society for the Suppression of the Opium Trade (London) or from the International Reform Bureau of Washington literature in which prominence is given to the historic episode of 1840 at Canton. In an article published in the Anti-Opium Society's organ it is stated that: "In the East, the abuse of Opium dates back several centuries. In India, the Opium habit amongst native troops contributed to the British victories of the eighteenth century. In China, Opium smoking was introduced from Formosa at the beginning of that century, and was met by prohibitory Edicts. It continued, however, to spread. In 1840, the measures taken by the Chinese Government for its suppression led to war with Great Britain. In 1858, after a second war, the Chinese consented to legalise the import of Opium; thenceforth, being unable to prevent the import, they allowed their laws against poppy cultivation to fall into desuetude. In consequence, the production of native Opium increased so rapidly that a report recently prepared in the British Legation at Peking estimated it at about six times the amount of the import." In the publications of the Washington Society we are told that in 1840, by warships and cannon England forced opium on China and preserved "British trade interests", and again in 1908-9 by diplomacy she is

still forcing the opium on China so as to avoid injury to British trade interests." A letter from the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce to the British Minister at Peking is quoted in support of the latter statement.

The discussion of the historical aspect of the question is barred at the International Conference, if the Chairman's wishes are respected, but seeing the use that the Anti-Opium Societies are making of this aspect of the question, it is desirable at least to point out that the episode of sixty or seventy years ago in which opium figured so prominently have aspects other than that which is represented in the Anti-Opium Societies' publications, and it is well that they should be borne in mind now. No one who has read the history of the times preceding the so-called "Opium War" of 1840 can honestly conclude that it was for the purpose of forcing the opium trade upon China. Nor will the student find that China then strongly objected to opium on moral grounds. To borrow the words of Dr. EITEL, the objection to the opium trade of all the principal Chinese statesmen of the time was "not that it fostered a vice gnawing at the vitals of the nation, but that it caused the balance of trade to turn against China and that it accordingly drained China of silver and impoverished the nation." On the other hand the British Government of the day by no means approved of the traffic, and Captain ELLIOT, the Government's representative in China "personally abhorred the trade, root and branch," and he wrote to Lord PALMERSTON that he had steadily discountenanced it by all lawful means in his power and at the total sacrifice of his private comfort in the society in which he had lived for years. "But he also stated with perfect truth," says Dr. EITEL, "and in this Chinese history supports him, when he wrote to Lord PALMERSTON (February 2, 1837) that the opium trade commenced and subsisted only by reason of the hearty concurrence of the chief authorities of the southern provinces of China, and indeed also of the Court at Peking; that no portion of the foreign trade to China more regularly paid its entrance dues than this opium traffic; and that the least attempt to evade the fees of the mandarins was almost certain of detection and punishment." What prevented Captain ELLIOT from taking official proceedings against the opium trade, which he personally abhorred, was the consideration which had prevented the Parliamentary Committee of 1832 disavowing it altogether. The opium trade had by its financial operations, become so intertwined with the legitimate trade that separate dealing with it was impossible.

Captain M. T. Bailey has been given the command of the *s.s. Asia*, Captain Frille having been transferred to the *Manchuria*.

At the Magistracy yesterday afternoon Mr. J. R. Wood committed the four natives for trial who were charged before him with committing armed robbery at Yau-nati.

The Bandmann Comedy Co. are returning to Hongkong from the North next week and an announcement on page 4 sets forth the comedy they intend to stage during their week's stay in the Colony.

The weekly return of communicable diseases in the Colony shows for the week ended on the 13th inst. one case of plague (not fatal), a fatal case of diphtheria and a fatal case of enteric fever. All were Chinese.

The *Korea Daily News*, Mr. E. T. Bethell's paper, which suspended publication about the time of the various actions in which Mr. Bethell was involved, has again made its appearance at Seoul.

The question of financial reform is being constantly insisted upon by the Board of Finance in Peking and steps are being taken to secure the attendance at Peking of delegates from every province to discuss the matter.

Russia has recently paid over a sum of 500,000 roubles for distribution among the inhabitants of Kirin as compensation for damage sustained during the war. The money was entrusted to a Chinese merchant at Harbin for distribution.

A Japanese named Jasuiro Yojima, has set out on a journey round the world. His journey is to extend over a period of ten years, during which time he will visit Tibet, India, Arabia, Africa, St. Helens, South America, Canada, the United States, Behring Straits, Siberia, and other countries. Landing at Shanghai, he will proceed to Peking and thence into the interior of Asia. The Japanese papers state that the man, who has started out without money, and intends to "work his way," was formerly a sergeant in the Imperial Army and took part

in the siege of Port Arthur during the late war. He is 27 years of age.

Yesterday's Mail brought particulars of the death of Mr. Thomas Howard, announced a month ago in a special telegram to the *Daily Press*. Mr. Howard had been in bad health for some time, and his sight failed him entirely last year. He passed away on Sunday morning, the 10th January, at his residence, No. 7, Castle Terrace, Cowes, Isle of Wight. Mr. Howard, who was well known in this Colony in the sixties, first settled here as a partner in the firm of Howard and Moss, who established themselves at West Point, and when, many years later, the partnership was dissolved, he carried on the business under the name of Howard & Co. Mr. Howard was a director of the now defunct Funjom Mining Company, in which he was largely interested, retaining his holding to the last, as he had great faith in the existence of payable gold fields in Falung, and would have prosecuted the search for a payable reef had he been supported by the shareholders. Mr. Howard retired finally from business in 1903, the condition of his health rendering a change imperative. He leaves a widow and several children to mourn his loss.

Oppression to which foreigners were subjected by the native authorities and which had been growing more and more obnoxious as the influx of independent residents increased after the cessation of the East India Company's monopoly.

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Prince Ching, it is reported, has refused the appointment of Comptroller of the Ministry of Marine, which the Government wished to confer on him on its formation. His reason is lack of knowledge of naval affairs.

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In view of the re-organization of the Chinese Navy, foreign merchants, says a contemporary, have simply inundated the President of the Board of War with tenders for the construction of dock-yards etc. but H.E. Tich Liang has given them no encouragement.

The return of visitors to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending the 14th February, 1909 shows that of non-Chinese there were 380 to the Library and 167 to the Museum and of Chinese 203 to the former and 4,334 to the latter. The Library was, therefore, used by 588 persons and the Museum by 4,501.

The Yuchuan (Ministry of Posts and Communications) considers that as railways are increasing in number in China, there will be a great demand for all kinds of materials, which, if purchased from abroad will deprive China of much profit. The Ministry has, therefore, decided to open a workshop in Tientsin this spring, in order to meet requirements!

The Chinese Telegraph Company has hitherto been paying its employees a bonus out of the profits at the end of the year, but the Board of Posts and Communications has now obtained the Imperial sanction to stop this practice. The Throne has also assented to the dismissal of all officials in the possession of sinecures, and the increase of the salaries of those having onerous duties.

Grand Secretaries Chang Chih-tung and Yung Ching of the Ministry of Education, are considering the advisability of deputing an official of the Ministry, from among the Deputy Vice-Presidents and Counsellors, to proceed to Chinese colonies in foreign lands to strengthen the bonds of relationship of the Chinese residents with their mother country, and to establish Chinese schools among them, so that they may learn their mother tongue and thus preserve their attachment to the land of the ancestors.

Since the Prince Regent has taken up his duties, says *Chinese Public Opinion*, memorials containing proposals and impeachments are being constantly forwarded by the officials. It is said that most of these are forwarded through the Post Office, but that the members of that department are afraid to hand them in. This has come to the knowledge of the Regent and he has accordingly ordered that despatches of all kinds sent to him are to be handed over direct. A special letter box which is opened daily has been placed at the door of his residence.

Some months ago a Chinese employed at the Disinfectant Station in Hongkong was robbed of a box of clothes on Sunday he met and stopped to talk with a previous employee, and during the conversation this man pulled a handkerchief out of his pocket which the complainant recognised as his. He taxed the ex-employee with stealing it, together with the rest of his clothing. The defendant denied the theft and told the complainant he could search his house. Complainant went to the house, accompanied by a lungkon, and found other articles belonging to him. The ex-employee was charged before Mr. J. H. Kemp at the Magistracy yesterday, was found guilty, and was sentenced to three months' imprisonment.

A number of cleverly counterfeited bank notes have been circulated in the Colony of late and the police have been making strenuous efforts to apprehend the counterfeiter. Last week end one of these notes was handed by a woman to a money changer at Yau-nati. He did not notice at the time that it was a forgery, but on discovering this fact later he reported the matter to the police. From inquiries instituted Inspector Dymond was able to trace the alleged counterfeiter to a brothel. When arrested the defendant refused to tender any information, but it was learned that he resided at 2, Cockayne Street. A search of these premises was made, and a number of bogus 10 bills found in a box. The case will come on for hearing before Mr. J. H. Kemp on Saturday.

The *Correspondence* of the "Daily Mail" statement about the placing of every commissioned ship in British waters, totalling 150, under a supreme command in May.

LOCAL SPORT.

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NAVY v. KOWLOON.

In a match played at Kowloon on Saturday between the home team and the Navy, the Sailors won by five wickets and 23 runs, the total score being, Navy 267, with five wickets to fall; Kowloon, 244.

LEAGUE CRICKET.

The fixtures for Saturday are:

Hongkong "A" v. Telegraphs.

Hongkong "B" v. Civil Service.

Kowloon v. Police.

LEAGUE FOOTBALL.

The League table to date is appended.

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R.G.A.	12	8	3	1	33	11	17
R.E.	10	5	2	3	22	8	13
Y.M.C.A.	9	5	3	1	17	10	10
Naval Yard	8	4	2	2	13	9	10
R.A.M.C.	12	2	10	0	9	36	4
B.O.C.	9	1	7	1	9	32	3
Lusitano	9	1	7	1	6	40	2

FOOTBALL.

Only four teams sent representatives to the meeting held yesterday at noon to receive entries for the Soldier's Club Army and Navy Challenge Shield Competition, viz. R.G.A., R.E. and King Alfred. The draw for the semi-final was King Alfred v. The Buffs and R.G.A. v. R.E. Gunner Marshall will referee the R.G.A. v. Buffs match, and Mr. Buryard the other. Matches to be played before the end of February, and the final some time in March.

BILLIARDS.

The annual Billiard tournament open to teams of ten from the Army, Navy, Police and Volunteers will commence on March 8th. Units

intending to enter must do so before Monday

22nd inst. when a meeting will be held in the

Soldier's Club for the purpose of drawing for the

first round. The trophy is a handsome one, and

the infant taken in billiards in the colony

should ensure a large representative entry.

TELEGRAMS.

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CRITICAL POLITICAL SITUATION IN TURKEY.

LONDON, February 14th.

A despatch from Constantinople reports that Ministerial changes, resulting in the removal of Aliaciza Pasha, the Minister for War, have created a critical situation due to a conflict in Committee on union and progress with the Grand Vizier, who is the leading representative of the Committee.

At a stormy sitting of the Chamber a vote of want of confidence in the Grand Vizier was passed by 189 votes to 8.

The Grand Vizier accordingly resigned.

The Sultan has entrusted Hilmi Pasha with the formation of a new Cabinet.

LONDON, February 15th.

Hilmi Pasha has been appointed Grand Vizier and has formed a new Cabinet.

A DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENT.

LONDON, February 14th.

Mr. H. C. Lowther, Councillor of the British Embassy at Tokyo, has been appointed Minister to Chile.

MORE EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS AT MESSINA.

LONDON, February 14th.

As a result of severe earthquake shocks, all the buildings in Messina which stood after the great earthquake six weeks ago, have now collapsed.

Shocks are being experienced generally in Sicily and Southern Italy.

IMPENDING NAVAL CHANGES.

LONDON, February 15th.

It is officially announced that Admiral Lord Charles Beresford will vacate the Channel command on March 24th.

The more important vessels of the Channel Fleet will then form a Second Division of the Main Fleet, under Admiral Milne.

Admiral Neville is appointed to command the other vessels which will form the nucleus of the Third and Fourth Divisions.

This announcement appears to confirm the "Daily Mail's" statement about the placing of every commissioned ship in British waters, totalling 150, under a supreme command in May.

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THE PROPOSED UNIVERSITY FOR HONGKONG.

The Committee in charge of the proposed Hongkong university movement held a meeting at Government House yesterday. His Excellency the Governor presided. The Committee, most of whom were present at the meeting, consist of the following gentlemen:—His Lordship the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Victoria, Mr. H. N. Mody, The Hon. Mr. F. H. May, C.M.G., The Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, C.M.G., The Hon. Mr. Wei Yuk, C.M.G., The Hon. Sir Paul Chater, Kt., C.M.G., The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., The Hon. Mr. W. Chatham, C.M.G., The Hon. Mr. E. A. Irving, The Hon. Mr. A. M. Thomson, and Mr. C. Clementi. The Sub-Committee consists of a large number of the leading Chinese residents.

His EXCELLENCY the GONVERNOR said:—Gentlemen,—There is no need, I think, for me to address you in any detail in regard to the object which has brought us together to-day, for you have already seen the lengthy statement which I drew up; by which the personal exertions of Dr. Ho Kai and Mr. Lau Chai Pak has been translated into Chinese. That statement sets out the object we have in view in establishing a University in Hongkong, and it also explains the nature of the task we have before us if the scheme is to be a success. In a word, it is this: Mr. Mody offers to erect the buildings whatever they may cost, in accordance with the design submitted, provided, we can raise an adequate endowment fund. Some of the leading members of the community have discussed the matter with me, and we came to the conclusion that an adequate endowment meant a sum of about a million dollars. Mr. Mody has consented to keep his offer open for six months, but if within that period we shall have succeeded in raising a very substantial part of the money required, I have no doubt he will consent to an extension of the time. It will, however, be necessary to show that we already have a very substantial part of it in hand and in sight before we ask for an extension of time. In the meantime I have asked the Secretary of State's sanction to devote the fine site near the junction of the Bonham and Pokfulam Road to the purpose; and I await your reply, and have no reason to think that it will be other than favourable.

I have appointed a committee of eleven under my own Presidency to deal with all questions regarding this scheme, and they are met together to-day for the first time—the Chinese community are represented on this Committee by Hon. Dr. Ho Kai and Hon. Mr. Wei Yuk. I have also on their suggestion appointed you, gentlemen, to be Sub-Committee for the purpose of raising funds. It will be for you to elect your own Chairman, and to organise yourselves in such a way as you may think fit with the object of dividing the work into special departments and appealing to different communities. You are at liberty to add to your numbers any other Chinese gentlemen you desire, first submitting their names to me through the Secretary of the Committee for my information and final approval. I propose that when the University is built, we shall place in the Main Entrance Hall a board upon which will be inscribed the names of those gentlemen who have given the most liberal donations to the Endowment Fund—sums above a certain limit which we will fix later—so that all those who in future years are students in the University may learn with gratitude the names of the benefactors to whom they owe the opportunities they enjoy of acquiring a liberal education in this Colony.

For my own part I have not been idle. I have written to the British Minister, in Peking, asking him to inform the Chinese Government of our project and to invite their support—he himself is a strong supporter of the scheme. I have written also to the Secretary of State, as I have already told you, and to the Government of India, and to the Governor of the Straits Settlements. I have not yet had time for any reply. I have written to the China Association and though no reply is yet due the President, Mr. Scott, who was lately here, more thoroughly assured me of his support, and said he would do all in his power to gain support in England. I have written to the Chancellor of the Oxford University, Lord Curzon, and to the Viceroy of Canton, and to Lord Elgin, lately Secretary for the Colonies, and to other people as well, including the Municipality of Shanghai. The Chairman replies that he believes the Municipal Council of that Settlement are unanimous in the view that the scheme is entitled to the cordial support of all, and he will reply more fully later, on. But, gentlemen, though I hope and believe I shall succeed in obtaining a wide sympathy and support for this scheme among my own countrymen in England and elsewhere I must remind you that the project is primarily for the Chinese, and I look to the Chinese to provide the bulk of the funds. I have not been very long in the Far East but I have been long enough to learn that where funds are required for some great and good purpose the Chinese are not wont to look to others. They are wont to help themselves, and to subscribe with a liberality which I believe to be unrivaled by any other nation. Your presence here to-day; your willingness to come forward and undertake this heavy task of collecting funds proves that you consider this project to be a great and good one, making for progress and enlightenment, and enabling the Chinese to hold their own among the educated and civilized nations of the world. Since you have that faith in you, I have no fear but that you will succeed in your task of raising the fund which is required. Your generous compatriots in China, in the Straits, in Java, in Siam and elsewhere will, I feel sure, help us liberally, for they too will benefit by this University to which they can send their sons. Nothing that I can do to forward the scheme will be left undone, and I shall be glad at any time to receive any suggestions

which the Sub-committee may wish to put forward, but it is to yourselves that I look principally to make this project a success.

Before I sit down I will draw your attention to one or two points in this scheme which I wish to particularly emphasize.

1. That this University will not be a rival or in any way antagonistic to Universities, or other educational establishments in China. It will work cordially in co-operation with them, seeking to afford an additional means of higher education in a place well adapted for the purpose by its situation, its Chinese population, its workshops and hospitals and its local teaching staff.

2. That our object is to educate men who will be of practical use to China, as engineers, doctors, surveyors, electricians, &c. and also, I hope, its officials, administrators and governors.

For the latter, I hope, we may be able to establish an Arts degree, which shall embrace instruction in Chinese literature and classics as well as in the History and Ethics of the Western races.

3. Finally we are unanimous that the graduates of Hongkong shall be men of the highest moral character—patriotic and broadminded, and to this end we desire that during their College course they shall be under the best influences in touch with the leading Chinese citizens of this Colony, and under the close supervision of able and high-minded tutors.

4. Finally I would impress upon you that our University will only issue degrees of the same values degrees conferred by Universities in England. I do not desire to establish a University which will confer any inferior degree, which will not be recognised in England, nor can we obtain a Royal Charter for any lesser standard.

At the conclusion of the Governor's speech, a meeting of the sub-committee was held. After some brief remarks, Mr. Ho Fook proposed the appointment of Hon. Dr. Ho Kai as president of the sub-committee with Mr. S. W. Tso as secretary.

Hon. Mr. Wei Yuk seconded.

The motion was carried unanimously.

That was all the business.

CHINESE IN CANADA.

HOW THEY TRY TO EVADE THE HEADTAX.

We have received the following from a Winnipeg correspondent:—There is nothing uncertain about the way the Canadian Government collects the head tax of \$500 on Chinamen entering the Dominion. Suppose the son of a Chinese merchant arrives in British Columbia. He will most likely claim to be the son of a Vancouver or Victoria merchant and as such is exempt from the head tax of \$500. Before he is allowed the slightest freedom he is examined thoroughly as to his family history, how many brothers and sisters he has, what their names are, where they live and a thousand other things. Then the father is sent for and before they can possibly communicate he is asked the same questions. In this way it is very difficult for the incoming Chinaman and his supposed father to invent a story which will hang together, and until the young man satisfies the authorities he is not allowed to land. Sometimes, of course, an evasion is attempted and when he finds himself getting unenriched in a web of lies John Chinaman will smile sweetly and admit the fraud, promptly paying the tax. But oftentimes situations arise which may rightly be called Chinese puzzles, for no Chinaman considers it a fraud to evade the poll tax. He looks upon it exactly as white people look upon the evasion of Customs duties. They rather consider it a game of hide and seek with the government, with a stake of \$500 to make it more exciting. All sorts of difficult questions arise daily at the Canadian ports along the Pacific Coast. A merchant's wife is also allowed to land free, but before so she must prove conclusively that she is really married to a resident of Canada. Many Chinamen take advantage of the fact that they may leave Canada for the space of one year and return without having to pay another poll tax. The old system of doing things was to give each Chinaman a ticket of leave on which a careful description of him was written, but in time it was found that Mr. Chinaman was forging this "stiff ticket" as he called, making very clever duplicates. In consequence this system was changed and after the description is carefully entered in a book the Chinaman is given a number which he is allowed to forge as he likes, but unless the description and the Chinaman tally he does not get into Canada.

Before this new system came into effect one of the controllers aware that names on certificates were written by him, but it transpired later that they had been forged. The whole scheme of wholesale forgery was unearthed by an office boy who chanced to notice "Hong Kong" (sic) and some Chinese characters in the watermark of the certificates. This exposed the whole scheme, for it was known that none of the Canadian Government paper is made in Hong Kong. After that the certificates were given up and numbers substituted and the new way is proving eminently successful. At the present time there are less than ten thousand Chinamen in Canada, and the number decreases rather than increases on account of the large number who annually sell out their possessions and leave to spend the evening of their days in the Flower Kingdom. Students were formerly exempt from the poll tax, but under the Act recently passed they are no longer exempt. However, if after paying their head tax they study for a year or more at one of the higher colleges or universities, they get the \$500 returned to them on their return to China, all steamships having Chinese crews are placed under bonds of \$500 for each Chinaman in case they escape, and not only must the full crew be paid but each member of it must be identified to prevent substitution.

SANITARY BOARD.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board was held on Feb. 15th at the Board Room. Mr. E. O. Hutchinson presided, and there were present Hon. Mr. W. Chatham, M.G. (Vice President), Colonel Bedford, Hon. Mr. Irving, Mr. A. Shelton Hooper, Dr. G. H. L. Williams, Dr. Peers (Medical Officer of Health) Dr. McFarlane (Assistant Medical Officer of Health) and Mr. A. Gibson (Secretary).

JOSS STICKS IN THE CEMETERY.

The Head of the Sanitary Department wrote the following minute with regard to the burning of joss sticks in the Colonial Cemetery during Japanese burials:—"The burning of joss sticks is part of the ceremony in Japanese burials. At the Colonial Cemetery Japanese are buried in a part of the cemetery which is more or less separate from the rest. I do not see that the burning of joss sticks during the ceremony in that part of the cemetery can be reasonably objected to, and would recommend that the inspector be instructed that it is not necessary to take action to stop joss sticks during a Japanese burial."

Mr. SHELTON HOOPER (minuted)—I cannot

explain to the people the use of the poison and any difficulties which were experienced. Every precaution was taken to make the people to prevail. As to its use there were one or two accidents reported. No serious results are known to have occurred. The actual number of rats collected does not show a very great increase but both the Medical Officer of Health and the Assistant Medical Officer of Health are convinced of its utility, and both recommend that a regular system of poisoning be resorted to. The reason for this is that though the Chinese have annoyed readily in the way of keeping cats they will not themselves continue to take active steps in the way of setting traps, and though the keeping of cats is an excellent measure, it is hardly in itself sufficient.

4. If the Board approves of a regular system of rat poisoning I would recommend the following procedure:—(a) Every Friday the inspectors shall serve notices on all the houses which are going to be visited during general cleansing, the following week. With him he shall take around poison and bait any shop where the owner is willing that this shall be done. When he comes round again for general cleansing in three or four days time all the poison will be collected. In this way a regular system of poisoning can be introduced which can be carefully watched and supervised. Experiments are being made to colour the poison green, a colour which means poison to the Chinese mind and which will, if successful, lessen the danger arising from its use.

(b) In Kowloon it will be possible, with hardly any interference with house cleaning or other work, to bait the ground floors of the whole area once a month. The baiting will take about four afternoons, and a further four afternoons will be devoted to taking up the poison.

The system, of course, depends on the willingness of the Chinese to receive the poison, but I don't think they will raise objections. I do not consider it advisable to bait private houses, where supervision is not easy, and where difficulties are more likely to arise. But the Assistant Medical Officer of Health at Kowloon suggests that bird lime boards might be issued in private houses when notices are served for house cleaning, where people are willing to receive them, and taken up again at the general cleansing by the inspector. This procedure might be tried as an experiment in Kowloon where further steps against rats are seen to be necessary and where the people as a whole are more easily dealt with.

The MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH (minuted)—A comparison of the rate caught in the first three weeks of the month with those for the first three weeks in December, shows that 1163 more rats were taken and examined for plague since the general distribution of poison in Victoria. I think it very advisable to continue the laying down of poison, especially before the plague season is upon us. I think, also, that it will suffice now to lay poison on ground floors only, as if we can keep down the number of sewer rats about shops, etc., we shall be weakening one link in the plague chain from the sewer rat to the house rat, and from the latter to man. I do not wish to have to cease the general cleansing for several days at a time to lay the poison, a thing which must be done if we agree to a general baiting of the city, say every month, but we might bait on a given day in each week all the houses which are to be cleansed in the following week.

In this way we should bait about 1,000 shops every week. In addition, we might issue poison to the Dispensaries, so that all who wish to lay it down for themselves, say in family houses, could apply to the dispensaries for it.

The ASSISTANT MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH (minuted)—I agree with Mr. Hooper that it should be an instruction to the Medical Officer of Health to apply the byelaws without exception to premises.

Colonel BEDFORD—Has the Medical Officer of Health any special reason for bringing forward the question?

The MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH—Only that I discovered one or two relieved back-houses that have not strictly complied with the byelaws.

The PRESIDENT remarked that some of the floors were good, being tiled with Canton tiles.

Mr. HOOPER asked if it did not comply with the law if the floor was impervious. Supposing there was a floor of asphalt, it would not require to be made of cement?

The VICE-PRESIDENT said it was in the discretion of the Board to approve of the material.

The MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH said he would like to be clear on the matter. Canton tiles were certainly not impervious.

Mr. HOOPER said it seemed to be a matter in which the M.O.H. should exercise his discretion.

The MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH—It is for the Board to say whether they approve of Canton tiles in good condition. Then we shall know where we are. Certainly I do not approve of them.

The VICE-PRESIDENT—I move that the M.O.H. be asked to submit a report on the matter.

The REGISTRAR-GENERAL seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

APPLICATION FOR EXHUMATION.

An application was received for exhumation and a permit for re-burial in the new Colonial Cemetery.

Mr. HOOPER minuted—This matter had better stand over until we know from the law officers who has the power to grant permits for exhumation. At any rate I am strongly against allowing our cemetery to be used for reinterment of bodies from Chinese cemeteries.

Mr. LAU CHU PAK—Can bodies from cemeteries other than Chinese be reinterred in this cemetery?

Mr. HOOPER—Have we got the opinion of the Law Officer of the Crown?

The PRESIDENT—No opinion has yet come.

Mr. HOOPER—I think the application should stand over pending that.

THE DESTRUCTION OF RATS.

The minute of the acting Head of the Sanitary Department with regard to the destruction of rats was as follows:—"For the destruction of rats which may be considered the most important of the measures against plague, the following methods have been employed during the last six months:

1. The Chinese have been encouraged to keep cats.

2. Rat bins have been erected in Victoria and Kowloon in convenient places and the Chinese have been exhorted to do their utmost to destroy rats and put them in the bins.

3. Traps have been issued to the Chinese through the Chinese dispensaries. Bird lime boards, traps and poison are given out to Europeans on application.

4. Poisoning on an extensive scale was carried out during the first week of January.

2. I attach a table of figures showing the monthly total of rats collected for the six months from August to January for the last six years. In August 1903 the system of giving rewards was abolished and a system of rat catchers was afterwards established. The figures show, I think, that the present system is successful in Victoria, but that it is not successful in Kowloon. The returns for the last six weeks have been small. There are 250 rat bins and not more than twenty rats are collected per day.

3. I attach a minute from the Medical Officer of Health and one from the Assistant Medical Officer of Health, Kowloon, with regard to poison. Poisoning was carried out by the inspectors in shops on the ground floors, and by the various street committees acting under the dispensaries in family houses. Great assistance was given by the Chinese committee in

exhumation to the people the use of the poison and any difficulties which were experienced. Every precaution was taken to make the people to prevail. As to its use there were one or two accidents reported. No serious results are known to have occurred. The actual number of rats collected does not show a very great increase but both the Medical Officer of Health and the Assistant Medical Officer of Health are convinced of its utility, and both recommend that a regular system of poisoning be resorted to. The reason for this is that though the Chinese have annoyed readily in the way of keeping cats they will not themselves continue to take active steps in the way of setting traps, and though the keeping of cats is an excellent measure, it is hardly in itself sufficient.

The REGISTRAR-GENERAL seconded, and the committee appointed was composed of the President, the Vice-President, and Mr. Hooper.

HOME AND CHINA AFFAIRS.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT).

LONDON, January 15th.

OPINION ON THE FALL OF YUAN SHIH-KAI.

Yuan-shih-kai's fall is depicted in the Press throughout our island. I doubt if the leader written of our daily news usually know or much about Chinese affairs when writing of them, but at any rate they have agreed that in this case the step taken in China is a bad one and bodes no good for the future, though some of them expect Yuan to crop up again at some opportune time as the "one strong man in China." Probably the part he has played in reorganising the Chinese Army has done most to impress the Western nations at home.

The *Westminster Gazette*, whose editor is admitted on both sides of politics to be unusually equipped, says:—"Yuan-shih-kai was not only the ablest of contemporary Chinese administrators. To a greater degree than any other prominent statesman in the country he realised where lay the weakness of China and the policy that must be pursued if ever she was to succeed, less the danger arising from its use."

(b) In Kowloon it will be possible, with hardly any interference with house cleaning or other work, to bait the ground floors of the whole area once a month. The baiting will take about four afternoons, and a further four afternoons will be devoted to taking up the poison.

The *Globe* comments:—"The fate of one man does not necessarily signify the triumph of his opponents over the policy for which he stood, and the new learning in China has already taken such deep root—thinks in great part to Yuan-shih-kai's encouragement—that it will hardly be stamped out even by a ruling clique of narrow-minded men. But though the new movement in China may not be strangled, it must be seriously hampered now that the Emperor is a child and will be for many years a puppet in the hands of autocratic advisers. Thousands who would have helped the new movement will now hesitate to do so, whatever their convictions, since they know by unmistakable signs that they will lose any chance of official favour."

TRADE PROSPECTS.

In the Eastern market here, however, I find the merchants have after thinking out the situation come to the conclusion that the indications are distinctly that the volume of trade in English manufactures for export to South China will not be below the normal level for some considerable time to come. There is satisfactory activity in shipping quarters and Japan is just now a good customer also. A leading merchant informs me that the "greater temporary stability of government in China has led to the formation of new schemes for the creation of factories with German or English equipment, for making goods hitherto supplied in a manufactured condition from Western Europe. Hardware and tools are notably included, as well as textile fabrics."

AN ARSEAL FOR AFGHANISTAN.

Turning homewards gradually, I may mention that there is expectation of a visit to London by an emissary of the Amir of Afghanistan who wants to carry out an old wish to increase the local facilities in Kabul for turning out rifles and armament. If the Amir finds the British Government kind on the proposal he will engage artisans and plant for the new works.

THE THREATENING TROUBLE IN PERSIA.

Still advancing westward in thought, I am reminded that political seers predict trouble in Persia in consequence of the continued presence in St. Petersburg of a Persian notable, "Amul-Mulk. He went ostensibly to offer the Shah the condolences of the Shah on the death of an uncle. He seems to be staying unduly long for such a visit. It is now believed that he is trying to raise another loan for the Shah, who is at his wit's end to "raise the wind" without recurring to Parliament, a thing he has sworn he will not do till it suits him.

He got a loan like this before, but since then the Fundamental Law, has been passed forbidding the contracting of a State loan "under any pretence whatever, without the sanction of the Majlis. If the Shah gets the money now

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W. S. JACKSON,
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DEUTSCHE BANK (BERLIN), LONDON GESELLSCHAFT. DIRECTION DER DISCONT.

INTEREST allowed on Current Account, DEPOSITS received on terms which may be learned on application. Every description of Banking and exchange business transacted.

A. KOEHN, Manager, Hongkong, 4th December, 1907. [24]

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853, HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.

PAID-UP CAPITAL £1,200,000
RESERVE FUND £1,525,000
RESERVE LIABILITIES OF PROPERTY £1,200,000

INTEREST allowed on Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the Daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months 4 per cent.
for 6 " 3½ " "
for 3 " 2½ " "

JOHN ARMSTRONG,
Manager.

Hongkong, 14th May, 1908. [21]

BANKS

THE BANK OF TAIWAN, LIMITED.
(INCORPORATED BY SPECIAL IMPERIAL CHARTER).

Capital Subscribed (paid up) Yen 5,000,000
Reserve Fund Yen 1,140,000

HEAD OFFICE: TAIFEN, FORMOSA.

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES:
Amoy Kobo Taiwan
Pingtung Nagasaki Tamsui
Foodhow Osaka Tokyo
Keelung Shanghai Yokohama
Swatow

HONGKONG OFFICE:
3, DES VŒUX ROAD.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts Deposits received on terms which may be had on application.

D. TOHDOW, Manager.

Hongkong, 16th September, 1908. [1518]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL \$15,000,000
RESERVE FUNDS—

STERLING £1,500,000 at 2/— \$15,000,000

SILVER \$14,000,000

RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROP'TORS \$15,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:
Hon. Mr. W. J. GRESSON, Chairman
E. G. Barrett, Esq. Deputy Chairman
G. Friesland, Esq.
C. S. Gabby, Esq.
W. Helms, Esq.
C. R. Lenzmann, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER:
Hongkong—J. R. M. SMITH.

MANAGER:
Shanghai—W. ADAMS ORAM.

LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED. On Current Account at the rate of Two per cent. per Annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:

For 3 months 2½ per cent. per Annum.

For 6 months 3½ per cent. per Annum.

For 12 months 4 per cent. per Annum.

J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 3rd February, 1909. [20]

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3½ per cent. per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option balance \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 per cent. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 12th January, 1907. [21]

INTERNATIONAL BANKING CORPORATION.

CAPITAL PAID UP Gold \$3,250,000,

RESERVE FUND about Mex. \$7,222,222

HEAD OFFICE: 60 Wall Street, New York.

LONDON BANKERS: BANK OF ENGLAND.

NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK OF ENGLAND LIMITED.

THE CAPITAL & COUNTERS BANK, LIMITED.

BRANCHES and AGENTS all over the World.

The Company transacts every description of Banking and Exchange business, receives money.

Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on Daily balances and accepts Fixed Deposits at the following rates:

For 12 months 4½ per cent. per annum.

For 6 " 4 " "

For 3 " 3½ " "

No. 9, Queen's Road, Central, Hongkong.

W. M. ANDERSON,
Manager.

Hongkong, 8th April, 1908. [229]

NEDERLANDSCH-INDISCHE HANDELSSCHAP.

(NETHERLANDS INDIA COMMERCIAL BANK).

ESTABLISHED 1863.

Authorised Capital FL. 15,000,000 (£1,250,000)

Subscribed Capital FL. 10,000,000 (Paid up) FL. 2,200,517.37 (£183,376)

Reserve Fund FL. 1,200,000

On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum.

Deposits received on terms which may be learned on application. Every description of Banking and exchange business transacted.

A. KOEHN, Manager.

Hongkong, 4th December, 1907. [24]

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for 6 " 3½ " "

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JOHN ARMSTRONG,
Manager.

Hongkong, 14th May, 1908. [21]

SANG MOW.

RATTAN AND GRASS FURNITURE MAKER.

CHAIRS, TABLES, SETTERS & LONG CHAIRS.

BAMBOO BLINDS. MATTINGS in all colours, on Sale.

All Orders receive prompt attention.

59A, QUEEN'S ROAD, CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 20th February, 1908. [401]

COMPANY REPORT.

THE HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.

The twenty-eighth annual report of this Company states—

The General Managers have pleasure in submitting a statement of the Company's accounts for the year 1908.

Including \$4,578.41 brought forward from the previous year, and after deducting \$20,000 paid as an interim dividend of \$4 per share, the balance at credit of profit and loss account is \$116,475.05 which it is recommended should be appropriated as follows—

A final dividend of \$15 per share

share \$75,000.00

Provision for contingencies \$30,000.00

To write off property a/c. 2,000.00

To write off launch and lighter a/c. 1,858.90

To carry forward 7,616.13

\$116,475.03

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.

General Managers.

Hongkong, 9th February, 1909.

BALANCE SHEET 31st DECEMBER, 1908.

LIABILITIES.

Capital 50,000 Shares of \$50 each, fully paid up \$2,500,000.00

No. 1 Dock Extension Account 200,000.00

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.
CATHAY, Danish str., 2,649, Krumme, 15th Feb.

—Antwerp 25th December, General—
Melchers & Co.

CHOYANG, British str., 1,424, A. E. Sandback,
15th Feb., Shanghai 9th and 14th Feb.

General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

GREGORY APCAR, British str., 2,961, S. H.

Beleau, 15th Feb., Calcutta and Singapore

9th Feb., General—David Sassoon & Co.

HELENE, German str., 771, Jessen, 14th Feb.

Hollow and Tonraue 13th Feb., Coal and

General—Jesens & Co.

KWANGTSE, Chinese str., 1,468, Froberg, 15th

Feb.—Shanghai 12th February, General—

Chinese.

LINAN, British str., 1,350, Williams, 15th Feb.

—Shanghai 11th February, General—

Chinese.

LOOSEN, German str., 1,020 G. Schulze, 14th

Feb.—Banting 4th and 8th Feb., Rice—

Butterfield & Swire.

NIKKO MARU, Japanese str., 3,439, R. Swain,

15th Feb., Melbourne and Manila 13th

Feb., General—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

POLYNESIEN, French str., 3,543, H. Broc 14th

Feb.—Tokkam and Shanghai 11th Feb.,

General—Messageries Maritimes.

RAJAHUET, German str., 1,189, H. Bremer, 15th

February—Swatow 14th February, Rice—

Butterfield & wire.

RUBL, British str., 1,619, R. Almond, 15th Feb.

—Manila 13th Feb., General—Shewan,

Tone & Co.

RUGIA, German str., 5,600, F. Taeger, 14th

February—Colombia 3rd February, General—

Hamburg-American Line.

SABINE, RICKMERS, Dutch str., 573, Sanit,

15th Feb.—Palmeburg 28th January and

Tamsu 13th February, Ballast—Asiatic

Petroleum & Co.

TENTHIN, British str., 1,227, G. W. Fody, 15th

Feb.—outward 21st Jan. and returning

2nd Feb., Sugar—Butterfield & Swire.

TIKINI, Dutch str., 2,888, K. Hoops 14th Feb.

—Yokohama 9th Feb., General—Java-

China-Japan-Lijn.

TOULANE, French str., 3,104, G. Lamelin, 15th

February—Marseille 17th Jan., Mails and

General—Messageries Maritimes.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.

15th February.

CATHAY, Danish str., for Shanghai.

CHIHLI, British str., for Hoikow.

CHIANGKING, British str., for Canton.

HAICHING, British str., for Tawow.

HAILUN, French str., for Hoikow.

YU MARU, Japanese str., for Sasebo.

KUMOR, Norwegian str., for Saigon.

KWANGTSE, Chinese str., for Canton.

LIHUA, British str., for Canton.

POLYNESIEN, French str., for Europe.

SABINE, RICKMERS, Dutch str., for Canton.

SEMAINE, British str., for France.

TIKATAP, Dutch str., for Batavia.

WONGKOK, German str., for Bangkok.

DEPARTURES.

15th February.

HANGHOU, British str., for Canton.

SECHERUN, British str., for Canton.

TOURANE, French str., for Shanghai.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British str. LINAN reports: Variable

winds and fine, but hazy weather moderate N.E.

sunnoon in Formosa Channel N.E. overcast.

The British str. G. APCAR reports: From

Singapore to Iloilo, light monsoon and

sunnoon sea, from there to Gap Rock strong

monsoon with high sea.

VESSELS IN DOCK.

February 15th.

ABERDEEN DOCK—Bujin Maru.

KOWLOON DOCK—H.M.S. Wherry, Tarlac,

Taishun, Minas de Batan, Patria, Japan.

COSMOPOLITAN DOCK—Glenoge.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH.

NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA.

(Florio and Rubattino United Companies.)

STEAM FOR BOMBAY VIA SINGAPORE AND PENANG.

Having connection with Company's Mail

Steamers to PORT SAID, MESSINA,

NAPLES, LEGHORN and GENOA, also

VENICE and TRIESTE, all MEDITERRANEAN,

ADRIATIC, LEVANTINE and

SOUTH AMERICAN Ports up to CALLAO.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to PERSIAN

GULF and BAGDAD, also BARCELONA,

VALENCIA, ALICANTE, ALMERIA and

MALAGA.)

THE Steamship

"ISCHIA,"

Captain Belzito will be despatched as above

TODAY, the 16th inst., at NOON.

For further particulars regarding Freight

and Passage, apply to

CARLOWITZ & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 12th February, 1909. [4]

FOR MANILA.

THE Steamship

"RIGEL,"

Captain J. Sievert will be despatched for the

above Port TOMORROW, the 17th inst., at 3 P.M.

For Freight and further information apply to

ARRATOON V. APCAR & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 15th February, 1909. [341]



AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE Company's Steamship

"VORWAERTS,"

Capt. Bedzito, will leave for the above places

on FRIDAY, the 19th inst., P.M.

This steamer has splendid accommodation for

passengers, electric light, carries a doctor and

stewardess.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SANDER, WIELER & Co., Agents.

Princes Building.

Hongkong, 13th February, 1909. [3]

VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING

To ascertain the anchorage of any Vessel, the Harbour has been divided into Four Sections commencing from Green Island. Vessels anchoring nearest Kowloon are marked "k," nearest Hongkong "h" midway between Hongkong and Kowloon "m," and those vessels berthed at the Kowloon Wharf "l.w." together with the number denoting the section.

SECTIONS.

1 From Green Island to the Harbour Master's.

2 From Harbour Master's to Blake Pier.

3 From Blake Pier to Naval Yard.

4 From Naval Yard to East Point.

DESTINATION

VESSEL'S NAMES

FLAG & BIZ

BERTH

CAPTAIN

FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO

TO BE DISPATCHED

LONDON &C. VIA USUAL PORTS OF CALL...	BRITANNIA	Brit. str.	—	S. Barcham	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 20th inst., at Noon.
LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	MALTA	Brit. str.	k. w.	W. F. Cromey, E.N.E.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 24th inst.
BRUEMEN & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	ANDALUSIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	—	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 25th inst.
BOTTERDAM & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	WESTPHALIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Hesse	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 5th March.
BAVARIA & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	SLAVONIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Peter	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 28th inst.
MARSEILLES, &c. VIA PORTS OF CALL...	SAXONIA	Fr. str.	k. w.	Babel	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 5th March.
MARSEILLES, &c. VIA PORTS OF CALL...	POLYNESIEN	Fr. str.	k. w.	Brock	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	To-day, at 1 P.M.
MARSEILLES, &c. VIA PORTS OF CALL...	SANKI MARU	Jap. str.	k. w.	R. Homma	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	To-morrow, at Daylight
MARSEILLES, &c. VIA PORTS OF CALL...	YEDDO	Dan. str.	k. w.	—	MELCHERS & Co.	On 20th inst.
MARSEILLES, &c. VIA PORTS OF CALL...	MONTGOMERYSHIRE	Brit. str.	k. w.	Habel	JARDINE, MATHERSON & Co., LD.	About 23rd inst.
MARSEILLES, &c. VIA PORTS OF CALL...	CONVENTTA	Jap. str.	k. w.	A. Keith	JARDINE, MATHERSON & Co., LD.	On 28th inst.
MARSEILLES, &c. VIA PORTS OF CALL...	EMPERESS OF INDIA	Brit. str.	k. w.	C. D. Bonnett, B.N.E.	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 20th March.
MARSEILLES, &c. VIA PORTS OF CALL...	MACEDONIA	Jap. str.	k. w.	W. Thompson	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	About 7th April.
MARSEILLES, &c. VIA PORTS OF CALL...	ATTALA MARU	Jap. str.	k. w.	H. Kirchner	MELCHERS & Co.	

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL	REMARKS
KOBE	(BANCA Capt. C. J. Benton, R.N.R.)	About 17th Febr.	Freight only.
SHANGHAI	(DELTA Capt. B. W. H. Snow)	About 19th Febr.	Freight and Passage.
LONDON VIA USUAL PORTS	BRITANNIA Capt. S. Barcham	Noon, 26th Febr.	See Special of Call.
LONDON and ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO PORT	MALTA Capt. W. F. Crossley, R.N.R.	About 24th Febr.	Freight and Passage.
SAYD and MARSEILLES			
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	PALMA Capt. G. W. Cockman, R.N.R.	About 1st March	Freight only.
For further Particulars, apply to	E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.		

Hongkong, 16th February, 1909.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD.
SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
HONGKONG	"NINGPO"	On 16th Febr., 10 A.M.
HOIHOI and HAIPHONG	"CHINHLY"	On 16th Febr., 10 A.M.
MANILA	"TAMING"	On 16th Febr., 3 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"CHINHUA"	On 17th Febr., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"LINAN"	On 18th Febr., 4 P.M.
MANILA	"TEAN"	On 23rd Febr., 3 P.M.
MANILA, ZAMBOANGA, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOK-TOWN, CAYANS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY, NEW ZEALAND, ADELAIDE, FREMANTLE and PERTH	"TAIYUAN"	On 26th Febr., 4 P.M.
MANILA ZAMBOANGA and AUSTRALIA** CHANGSHA		On 8th April, 4 P.M.
MANILA STEAMERS & TIENTSIN STEAMERS		have superior Passenger accommodation with Electric Light throughout and Electric Fans in the State-rooms and Dining Saloon.
AUSTRALIAN STEAMERS		have superior accommodation with Electric Light throughout and Electric Fans in the State-rooms. A duly qualified Surgeon is carried.
SHANGHAI STEAMERS		have good Saloon Passenger accommodation and take cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.
REDUCED SALOON FARES, SINGLE AND RETURN, TO MANILA AND AUSTRALIAN PORTS.	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, AGENTS.	11
For Freight or Passage apply to—		
Hongkong, 16th February, 1909.		

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO., LIMITED.

HONGKONG-SOUTH CHINA COAST PORTS.

HIGHEST CLASS—FASTEST AND MOST LUXURIOUS STEAMERS ON THE COAST, HAVING SPLENDID ACCOMMODATION FOR FIRST-CLASS PASSENGERS. ELECTRIC LIGHT AND FIRST-CLASS CUISINE.

STEAMERS	FOR	LEAVING.
"HAICHING"	SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.	TUESDAY, 16th Febr., at NOON.
"HAIMUN"	SWATOW	WED'DAY, 17th Febr., at NOON.
"HAITAN"	SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.	FRIDAY, 19th Febr., at NOON.

FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF PASSENGERS, STEAMERS WILL ARRIVE AT, AND DEPART FROM, THE COMPANY'S WHARF (NEAR BLAKE PIER).

FOR Freight and Passage apply to—	DOUGLAS, LAPRAIK & CO., GENERAL MANAGERS.
Hongkong, 15th February, 1909.	10

OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA.

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE BETWEEN HONGKONG-SOUTH CHINA COAST PORTS AND FORMOSA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	THE CO'S S.S.	LEAVING
SHANGHAI VIA AMOY	"BUJIN MARU"	TUESDAY, 16th Febr., at 4 P.M.
& FOOCHOW	Capt. Y. FUENGO	at 4 P.M.
TAKAO (DIRECT)	"SHINCHIKU MARU"	About WED'DAY, 17th Febr.
ANPING VIA SWATOW	"SHOSHU MARU"	WED'DAY, 17th Febr., at 8 A.M.
& AMOY	Capt. I. IUCHI	
TAMSUI VIA SWATOW	"DAIJIN MARU"	SUNDAY, 21st Febr., at 10 A.M.
& AMOY	Capt. Y. KANAKI	

* These new Steamers have excellent accommodation for First and Second Class Passengers and are fitted throughout with Electric Light. First-class Cabins Amidships: Unrivalled Table.

† Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Yangtze and North China Ports.

For Freight, Passage and further information, apply at the Company's Local Branch Office, Second Floor, No. 1, Queen's Buildings. Hongkong, 16th February, 1909.

T. ARIMA, Manager [13]

INDO-CHINA S. NAV. CO., LTD.

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"LAISANG"	Tuesday, 16th Febr., Noon.
SHANGHAI	"CHOYSANG"	Thursday, 18th Febr., Noon.
MANILA	"LOONGSANG"	Friday, 19th Febr., 4 P.M.
SANDAKAN	"MAUSANG"	Saturday, 20th Febr., Noon.
MANILA	"YUENSANG"	Friday, 26th Febr., 4 P.M.
SINGAPORE, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOJI	"KUTSANG"	Tuesday, 2nd March, Noon.

RETURN TOURS TO JAPAN.

OCCUPYING 24 DAYS.

The Steamers "KUTSANG," "NAMSANG" and "FOOKSANG" leave about every 3 weeks for Shanghai and Yokohama returning via Kobe (Inland Sea) and Moji to Hongkong, providing a stay of 6 days in Japan. If passengers leave the steamer at Yokohama and rejoin at Kobe, these vessels have all modern improvements and are fitted throughout with Electric Light. A duly qualified surgeon is also carried. Steamers have superior accommodation for First Class Passengers and are fitted throughout with Electric Light.

† Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to Yangtze Ports, Choofoo, Tientsin & Newchwang.

‡ Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to Kudat, Lahad, Datu, Simporna, Tawau & Usukan, Jesselton and Labuan.

Telephone No. 61.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., Hongkong, 15th February, 1909.

GENERAL MANAGERS. [16]



HONGKONG-MANILA.

Highest Class, newest, fastest and most luxurious Steamers between Hongkong and Manila. Saloon amidships. Electric Light, Perfect Cuisine. SURGEON and STEWARDESS carried. All the most up-to-date arrangements for comfort of Passengers.

CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

STEAMSHIP	TONS	CAPTAIN	FOR	SAILING DATE.
RUBI	2540	R. W. Almond	Manila	On 20th Febr., Noon.
ZAFIRO	2540	R. Rodger.....	Manila	On 27th Febr., Noon.

For Freight or Passage apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., GENERAL MANAGERS.

Hongkong, 8th February, 1909. [14-174]

EAST ASIATIC CO., LTD.
COPENHAGEN, SINGAPORE, BANGKOK & SHANGHAI.
RUSSIAN EAST ASIATIC CO., LTD., ST. PETERSBURG & VLADIVOSTOK.
SWEDISH EAST ASIATIC CO., LTD., GOTTHENBURG.

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

DESTINATION	STEAMERS	DATE OF SAILING.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE and COPENHAGEN	"YEDDO"	On 20th February.

For Further Particulars apply to MELCHERS & CO., AGENTS.

Hongkong, 5th February, 1909. [6]

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

EXTRA PASSENGER SERVICE NEW STEAMERS—EUROPEAN LINE.

FOR GENOA, MARSEILLES, LONDON AND ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, SUEZ AND PORT SAID.

THE CO'S NEWLY BUILT 9000 TONS PASSENGER STEAMERS WILL BE DESPATCHED FROM HONGKONG AS FOLLOWS:

ATSUTA MARU (Capt. W. THOMPSON) About Wed. 7th April.

MIYASAKI MARU (Capt. W. BAINBRIDGE) About Wed. 5th May.

CHEAPEST PASSAGE RATES TO EUROPE AND AROUND-THE-WORLD.

For further particulars apply to

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, 10th February, 1909. [93]

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.)

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

DESTINATIONS.	STEAMERS.	TONS.	SAILING DATES.
MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP, via SINGA	SANUKI MARU	6112	WED'DAY, 17th Febr., at Daylight.
PORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, and PORT SAID	AWA MARU	6309	WED'DAY, 3rd March, at Daylight
VICTORIA, BC and SINGAPORE	AKITA MARU	6320	TUESDAY, 16th Febr., at Noon.
SEATTLE via SHANGHAI	KAGA MARU	6301	TUESDAY, 2nd March, at Noon.
MOJI, KOREA and YOKOHAMA	KAGA MARU	6317	FRIDAY, 19th Febr., at Noon.
SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	YAWATA MARU	5539	WED'DAY, 17th Febr., at Noon.
via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE	NIKKO MARU	5539	FRIDAY, 19th Febr., at Noon.
NAGASAKI, KOREA and YOKOHAMA	NIKKO MARU	5539	SATURDAY, 20th Febr., at Noon.
BOMBAY via SINGAPORE and COLOMBO	KAGESHIMA MARU	4687	SUNDAY, 22nd Febr., at Daylight.
KOBE and YOKOHAMA	HITACHI MARU	6715	MONDAY, 23rd Febr., at Daylight.
KOBE	TAKASAKI MARU	4370	TUESDAY, 24th Febr., at Daylight.

* Omitting Yokohama.

† Fitted with Marconi's System of Wireless Telegraphy.

‡ Cargo only.

§ Through Passengers Tickets issued to the Principal Cities in the United States, Canada and Europe, in connection with the GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY and Atlantic Steamers. Round-the-World Tickets also issued. Between Nagasaki and Yokohama, 1st and 2nd Class through Passengers have the option of traveling by Rail.

For further information as to Freight, Passage, Sailing, &c., apply at the Company's Local Branch Office in Prince's Buildings, First Floor, Chater Road.

T. KUSUMOTO, MANAGER. [15]

POST OFFICE NOTICE

Correspondence for **EUROPE, VIA SIBERIA** is forwarded from HONGKONG by all vessels sailing for **SHANGHAI**.

Approximate times of closing mails at Shanghai via Dalny and Siberia.

19th February	... at 7.45 a.m.
25th February	... at 8.15 p.m.
5th March	... at 7.45 a.m.
12th March	... at 11.45 a.m.
18th March	... at 8.15 p.m.

The Delta, with the English mail of the 22nd January, left Singapore on Saturday, the 13th instant, at 10 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Thursday, the 18th instant, at 9 a.m. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 22nd Dec., and the parcel mails closed in London for despatch by the all sea route on the 13th January, and for despatch overland on the 20th January.

FOR	PER	DATE
San Francisco		Tuesday, 16th, 8.00 A.M.
Hainan		Tuesday, 16th, 9.00 A.M.
Nagoya		Tuesday, 16th, 9.00 A.M.
Chile		Tuesday, 16th, 9.00 A.M.
Hollow and Haiphong		Tuesday, 16th, 9.00 A.M.
		Printed Matter, and Samples 9.00 A.M.
		Registration 9.00 A.M. (Registration, with late fee of 10 cents, up to 9.45 A.M.)
		Registration, Kowloon B.O. 10 A.M.
		No late fee.
		Letters 10.00 A.M.
		Tuesday, 16th, 10.00 A.M.
		Wednesday, 17th, 10.00 A.M.
		Tuesday, 16th, Printed Matter and Samples 10.00 A.M.
		Registration 10.00 A.M. (Registration, with late fee of 10 cents up to 10.45 A.M.)
		Registration, Kowloon B.O. 10.00 A.M.
		No late fee.
		Letters 11.00 A.M.
		Tuesday, 16th, 11.00 A.M.
		Tuesday, 16th, 1.15 P.M.
		Tuesday, 16th, 2.00 P.M.
		Tuesday, 16th, 2.00 P.M.
		Tuesday, 16th, 3.00 P.M.
		Tuesday, 16th, 4.00 P.M.
		Tuesday, 16th, 5.00 P.M.
		Tuesday, 16th, 6.00 P.M.
		Tuesday, 16th, 7.00 P.M.
		Wednesday, 17th, 11.00 A.M.
		Wednesday, 17th, 1.15 P.M.
		Wednesday, 17th, 2.00 P.M.
		Wednesday, 17th, 3.00 P.M.
		Thursday, 18th, 11.00 A.M.
		Thursday, 18th, 11.00 A.M.
		Thursday, 18th, 1.15 P.M.
		Thursday, 18th, 3.00 P.M.
		Friday, 19th, 10.00 A.M.
		Friday, 19th, 11.00 A.M.
		Friday, 19th, 11.00 A.M.
		Sui Tai Friday, 19th, 11.00 A.M.
		Yankee Maru Friday, 19th, 11.00 A.M.
		Sui Tai Friday, 19th, 1.15 P.M.
		Loongyang Friday, 19th, 3.00 P.M.
		Bust Saturday, 20th, 10.00 A.M.
		Japan Saturday, 20th, 10.00 A.M.
		Mawang Saturday, 20th, 10.00 A.M.

FOR THE RACES



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COMMERCIAL.

EXCHANGE CLOSING QUOTATION.

February 15th

On LONDON:—
Telegraphic Transfer 1/9
Bank Bills, on demand 1/9
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight 1/9
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 1/9
Credit, at 4 months' sight 1/9
Documentary Bills 4 months' sight 1/9

On PARIS:—

Bank Bills, on demand 221

Credit, at 4 months' sight 223

On GERMANY:—

Bank Bills, on demand 423

Credit, at 60 days' sight 434

On BORNEO:—

Telegraphic Transfer 1313

Bank, on demand 1324

On COCHINCHINA:—

Telegraphic Transfer 1313

Bank, on demand 1324

On SHANGHAI:—

Bank at sight 745

Private, 30 days' sight 753

On YOKOHAMA:—On demand 853

On MANILA:—On demand 86

On SINGAPORE:—On demand 758

On BATAVIA:—On demand 1058

On HAIPHONG:—On demand 141/2 pm.

On SAIGON:—On demand 863

On BANGKOK:—On demand 863

Overseas, Bank's Buying Rate \$1.25

Gold Leaf, 100 fine, per tael \$69.15

Bar Silver, per oz 233

SUBSIDARY COINS.

per cent

Chinese 20 cents pieces \$7.90 discount.

Chinese 10 \$8.40

Hongkong 20 \$7.09

Hongkong 10 \$7.10

OPIUM.

February 13th.

Quotations are:—
Malwa New \$1.070 per picoul.
Malwa Old \$1.090
Malwa V. Old \$1.110
Persian fine quality \$1.000
Persian extra fine \$880
Persian New \$1.065 per chest.
Pista Old \$1.100
Bonars New \$1.0172

STEAMERS PASSED THE CANAL.

Jan. 16th—Peih, Achille, Palermo, 20th.

Armand Béch, Benvene, Calches, Montrose,

Sophie Béch, 23rd—Laertes, Ningchow,

Princess Alice, Touane, 27th—Gloucestershire,

Hitachi Maru, Konan Si, 30th—Tudor

Prins 30th—(Delayed through Mutilation),

Sicilia, February 3rd—Antiochus, Austria,

Bonaventure, Diodore, Indramayu, Kaiou, Palma,

Sandia, 6th—Kleit, Belomond, Dardanus,

Ping Siey, Kamakura Maru, Nara, 10th,

Tianquabas, Meran, Lennox, Ambrilia, Nile,

Theseus, 13th—Indrauas, Tonkin, Hyon.

ARRIVALS AT HOME.

February 12th—Derflinger, Sado Maru,

Ching Wo, Moyuna.

HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hongkong Observatory, February 15th.

Previous Day at 6 p.m.	On Date at 10 a.m.	On Date at 4 p.m.
Barometer 30.03	30.16	30.08
Temperature 65	65	65
Humidity 56	77	79
Wind Direction E	ESE	ESE
Force 3	2	2
Weather 0	0	0

Hour Water.	Low Water.	
5 & 6	Hongkong Mean Time.	
5 & 6	Height	
7	5.25	5.25
8	5.35	5.35
9	5.45	5.45
10	5.55	5.55
11	5.65	5.65
12	5.75	5.75
13	5.85	5.85
14	5.95	5.95
15	6.05	6.05
16	6.15	6.15
17	6.25	6.25
18	6.35	6.35
19	6.45	6.45
20	6.55	6.55
21	6.65	6.65
22	6.75	6.75
23	6.85	6.85
24	6.95	6.95
25	7.05	7.05
26	7.15	7.15
27	7.25	7.25
28	7.35	7.35
29	7.45	7.45
30	7.55	7.55
31	7.65	7.65
1	7.75	7.75
2	7.85	7.85
3	7.95	7.95
4	8.05	8.05
5	8.15	8.15
6	8.25	8.25
7	8.35	8.35
8	8.45	8.45
9	8.55	8.55
10	8.65	8.65
11	8.75	8.75
12	8.85	8.85
13	8.95	8.95
14	9.05	9.05
15	9.15	9.15
16	9.25	9.25
17	9.35	9.35
18	9.45	9.45
19	9.55	9.55
20	9.65	9.65
21	9.75	9.75
22	9.85	9.85
23	9.95	9.95
24	10.05	10.05
25	10.15	10.15
26	10.25	10.25
27	10.35	10.35
28	10.45	10.45
29	10.55	10.55
30	10.65	10.65
31	10.75	10.75
1	10.85	10.85
2	10.95	10.95
3	11.05	11.05
4	11.15	11.15
5	11.25	11.25
6	11.35	11.35
7	11.45	11.45
8	11.55	11.55
9	11.65	11.65
10	11.75	11.75
11	11.85	11.85
12	11.95	11.95
13	12.05	12.05
14	12.15	12.15
15	12.25	12.25
16	12.35	12.35
17	12.45	12.45
18	12.55	12.55
19	12.65	12.65
20	12.75	12.75
21	12.85	12.85
22	12.95	12.95
23	13.05	13.05
24	13.15	13.15
25	13.25	13.25
26	13.35	13.35
27	13.45	13.45
28	13.55	13.55
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